

June 18, 2004

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20455

Re: MB Docket No. 04-160

We wish to go on record in support of the NAB Petition dated April 14, 2004 seeking a Declaratory Ruling on satellite radio's broadcasting of local weather and traffic, and future plans to expand their reach into local radio (MB Docket No. 04-160).

The originally stated intent of XM Radio and Sirius Satellite Radio was to provide national-only service. In granting the original licenses, the FCC relied on this promise, with the clear understanding that local broadcasters would not be harmed. Now XM Radio and Sirius Satellite Radio have broken this promise, by launching "localized" traffic and weather service in the top twenty-one markets.

In Anchorage, our News/Talk station, KENI-AM maintains a full time radio news staff. All six of our radio stations broadcast up to the minute morning and afternoon traffic reports every weekday. These two services call for an annual expense of nearly \$200,000, an investment in information which we feel Anchorage deserves.

In addition to news, traffic and weather information, Clear Channel is able to support a variety of non-profit organizations in Alaska. The Children's Hospital at Providence, our local Boys and Girls Clubs, the Food Bank, and the Muscular Dystrophy Association are just a few of our public service partners.

Clearly, the financial and subsequent staffing impact of "localized" news and weather services from XM and Sirius would decrease our ability to serve our community-the community in which our sixty-six employees and their families live, work, shop, and attend school.

The FCC originally authorized a national-only satellite service, vowed to protect local broadcasting, and to take "any action necessary to safeguard the important service that terrestrial radio provides." The time is now to provide that protection.

Respectfully,

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